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GROSSKRUGER ASSUMES COMMAND OF U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger became the 55th commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District during a Change of Command ceremony held today at the Florida Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

As Jacksonville District commander, Grosskruger assumes responsibility for the federal development of water resources in all of Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Jacksonville District's annual program is in excess of \$300 million and includes the Corps' largest ecosystem restoration project, the restoration of America's Everglades.

"I look forward to serving as a member of the Jacksonville District and as part of the entire Army Corps of Engineers team in serving our nation," said Grosskruger. "Teamwork, partnership and mutual trust, forged through working closely together with our partners at the state, federal, local and private sector levels, are the reasons for our past accomplishments and will serve as our guide toward developing solutions to the challenges of today and tomorrow. I know that much lies ahead – yet I know that working together, all things are possible."

Grosskruger most recently served as chief of staff of the U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. A registered professional engineer, he holds a

Bachelor of Science degree in engineering mechanics from the United States Military

Academy, West Point and a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from Iowa

State University.

Among Grosskruger's previous assignments are: commander of the 94th Engineer Combat Battalion, Vilseck, Germany, which earned the Presidential Unit Citation for service with the 3rd Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has earned the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the NATO Medal and others.

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Note to editors: Col. Grosskruger's official command photo is available upon request.